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) **Examiner:** Zia R. Hashimi
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In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over published U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0093767 A1 by Murai et al. (“Murai”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,051,598 to Ashton et al. (“Ashton”). Specifically, the Examiner alleges that Murai teaches every element of the claims, except calculating a corrected dose for the processing pattern according to the pattern area density as recited by the claims. (OA, page 2.) The Examiner, however, alleges that Ashton supplies this missing teaching. (OA, page 3.) Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection for the following reasons.